

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

**Please amend paragraph no. 0032 as follows:**

[0032] FIG. 6 is a cross-sectional view of a welt in accordance with another preferred embodiment of the invention; ~~and,~~

**Please delete the paragraph inserted with the Amendment of February 1, 2007, after paragraph 0032:**

~~FIG.7 is a cross-sectional, schematic view of a welt in accordance with yet another preferred embodiment of the invention.~~

**Please delete the paragraph inserted with the Amendment of February 1, 2007, after paragraph 0044:**

~~Finally, Fig. 7 is a cross-sectional, schematic view of an embodiment in which the lower fastening element has a Christmas tree shaped profile.~~